

567—65.6 (455B) Operation permits.

65.6(1) *Existing animal feeding operations holding an operation permit.* Animal feeding operations which hold a valid operation permit issued prior to July 22, 1987, are not required to reapply for an operation permit. However, the operations are required to apply for permit renewal in accordance with subrule 65.6(10).

65.6(2) *Existing animal feeding operations not holding an operation permit.* Animal feeding operations in existence on July 22, 1987, which are covered by the operation-permit provisions of subrule 65.4(1) or 65.4(2) but have not obtained a permit, shall apply for an operation permit prior to January 22, 1988. Once application has been made, the animal feeding operation is authorized to continue to operate without an operation permit until the application has either been approved or disapproved by the department.

65.6(3) *Expansion of existing animal feeding operations.* A person intending to expand an existing animal feeding operation which, upon completion of the expansion, will be covered by the operation-permit provisions of subrule 65.4(1) or 65.4(2) shall apply for an operation permit at least 180 days prior to the date operation of the expanded facility is scheduled. Operation of the expanded portion of the facility shall not begin until an operation permit has been obtained.

65.6(4) *New animal feeding operations.* A person intending to begin a new animal feeding operation which, upon completion, will be covered by the operation-permit provisions of subrule 65.4(1) or 65.4(2) shall apply for an operation permit at least 180 days prior to the date operation of the new animal feeding facility is scheduled. Operation of the new facility shall not begin until an operation permit has been obtained.

65.6(5) *Permits required as a result of departmental evaluation.* An animal feeding operation which is required to apply for an operation permit as a result of departmental evaluation (in accordance with the provisions of 65.5(2)“a”) shall apply for an operation permit within 90 days of receiving written notification of the need to obtain a permit. Once application has been made, the animal feeding operation is authorized to continue to operate without a permit until the application has either been approved or disapproved by the department.

65.6(6) *Voluntary operation permit applications.* Applications for operation permits received from animal feeding operations not meeting the operation-permit requirements of subrules 65.4(1) to 65.4(3) will be acknowledged by the department and returned to the applicant. Operation permits will not be issued for facilities not meeting the permit requirements of subrules 65.4(1) to 65.4(3).

65.6(7) *Application forms.* An application for an operation permit shall be made on a form provided by the department. The application shall be complete and shall contain detailed information as deemed necessary by the department. The application shall be signed by the person who is legally responsible for the animal feeding operation and its associated manure control system.

65.6(8) *Compliance schedule.* When necessary to comply with a present standard or a standard which must be met at a future date, an operation permit shall include a schedule for modification of the permitted facility to meet the standard. The schedule shall not relieve the permittee of the duty to obtain a construction permit pursuant to subrule 65.7(1).

65.6(9) *Permit conditions.* Operation permits shall contain conditions considered necessary by the department to ensure compliance with all applicable rules of the department, to ensure that the manure-control system is properly operated and maintained, to protect the public health and beneficial uses of state waters, and to prevent water pollution from manure storage or application operations. Self-monitoring and reporting requirements which may be imposed on animal feeding operations are specified in 567—subrule 63.5(1).

65.6(10) *Permit renewal.* An operation permit may be issued for any period of time not to exceed five years. An application for renewal of an operation permit must be submitted to the department at least 180 days prior to the date the permit expires. Each permit to be renewed shall be subject to the provisions of those rules of the department which apply to the facility at the time of renewal.

A permitted animal feeding operation which does not meet the operation-permit requirements of subrules 65.4(1) to 65.4(3) will be exempted from the need to retain that permit at the time of permit renewal, and the existing operation permit will not be renewed.

65.6(11) *Permit modification, suspension or revocation.* The department may modify, suspend, refuse to renew or revoke in whole or part any operation permit for cause. Cause for modification, suspension or revocation of a permit may include the following:

- a.* Violation of any term or condition of the permit.
- b.* Obtaining a permit by misrepresentation of fact or failure to disclose fully all material facts.
- c.* A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted discharge.
- d.* Failure to submit the records and information that the department requires in order to ensure compliance with the operation and discharge conditions of the permit.
- e.* A determination by the department that the continued operation of a confinement feeding operation constitutes a clear, present and impending danger to public health or the environment.

65.6(12) *Concentrated animal feeding operation registration program.* Rescinded IAB 4/12/06, effective 5/17/06.